### THE POLICE CORPS WEEKLY

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### Recruit Profile Tyler Lange



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# RECRUITS LEARN CRASH SCENE INVESTIGATION SKILLS BY: RECRUIT HAMILL

During week nine, recruits received eight hours of training in the procedures of traffic crash investigations. Areas covered during the training process included securing the scene, measuring and diagramming the scene, and reporting the crash using the standard form for the State of Wisconsin, the MV4000.

The class began with a day of classroom activities where recruits learned the procedures for diagramming the scene and how to report the crash. Sgt. Hill utilized videos from his experiences with the State Patrol to demonstrate this process. There are two basic techniques that are used when measuring a traffic crash scene so that it may be appropriately and accurately diagrammed; the coordinate method and the triangulation method.



Recruits practice investigating a mock crash scene.

The coordinate method uses a baseline to document the locations of important points within the scene; the triangulation method utilizes two permanent reference points and triangular measurements to document locations.

After the classroom portion of the training, recruits were able to put their training into action through simulated crashes on the EVOC track at the Academy. The scenario required recruits to measure and diagram two crash scenes utilizing both the coordinate and triangulation methods.

This training will be invaluable to the recruits as they begin their careers as it will enable them to efficiently and thoroughly collect and preserve evidence of traffic crashes; a skill that will be demanded of them often.

# EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS BY: RECRUIT KUNZ

first day we arrived at the academy in mid-July, each recruit has had Week Nine circled on their calendars. Week Nine consisted of our first experience with the instruction of EVOC or Emergency Vehicle Operations. Prior to the week, every recruit was eager and anxious to get into the patrol cars and showcase their talents of operating the vehicles. At the beginning of the week, we had our classroom sessions regarding EVOC. We were taught the three different types of law enforcement driving, those being: normal patrol operations, emergency response, and pursuit driving. In regards to the types of driving, we also learned what is needed to lawfully operate

our patrol cars in a state of "emergency."

Tuesday night was our first experience in the patrol cars, giving us the chance to maneuver throughout the different obstacles on the designated EVOC course. Each recruit started to build confidence right away, learning the limitations of their patrol car. On Wednesday and Thursday, the recruits practiced going through each of the obstacles, preparing for the upcoming EVOC practical skills examination. Each recruit was tested on the overall performance while operating behind the wheel of the patrol car.

To end the week, each recruit received instruction on how to properly operate a vehicle involving

pursuit driving. This is the most highly liable and dangerous part for any officer while operating a patrol car. We learned how to do a P.I.T. (Pursuit Intervention Technique) maneuver while in pursuit of a fleeing vehicle. The P.I.T. technique is a specific technical maneuver, which allows an officer to tap the rear end of another vehicle, making it spin out in front of the squad car, while the officer maintains control of the vehicle.

Overall, Week
Nine was a great opportunity for recruits to become
more comfortable operating
a police vehicle. We spent
most of the week behind the
wheel, which gave us a
chance to learn the capabilities and limitations of our
vehicles.

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AGENCY PROFILE: FOND DU LAC POLICE DEPARTMENT BY: RECRUIT SALZMANN



The police department in Fond du Lac, WI, is composed of 71 sworn officers, who are broken down into a structure that includes: patrol officers, lieutenants, captains, majors, and the chief. The department implements specialized units consisting of: K-9, a ten-member crisis response team, also known as S.W.A.T., and several other

areas such as motorcycle patrol and bike patrol. Additionally, the agency includes programs such as D.A.R.E, Housing Authority, and a Citizens' Academy.

The Fond du Lac Police Department has recently appointed Tony Barthuly to take over the chief's position, upon the retirement of Chief Johnson. Chief Barthuly's motto is to "go back to the basics," and get the police department more involved with the community. He has successfully implemented the "beat" patrol, and has already improved the downtown district of Fond du Lac. Chief Barthuly is continually striving to make the city of Fond du Lac a safer place to live, learn, work, and play.

# BOXING BY: RECRUIT KASTERN

On Sunday night, the cadets put on the hand wraps and boxing gloves and stepped into the training room for their first class of instruction on the sport of boxing. Officer Mc Farlane spent the first part of the session teaching different types of hits, which included jabs, uppercuts, and hooks. The class practiced different combinations of strikes, as half of the cadets put on pads and blocked each hit.

In addition to learning the basic hand work, Officer Mc Farlane had the class train on their swift foot movement to ensure speed and agility. After the footwork was paired with the punches, the cadets took turns fine-tuning their boxing skills by spending two minutes sparring in "the ring." During this drill, one recruit held the pads and constantly moved around while the other practiced their punches. It was up to the pad-holder to call out the different combinations of punches for the boxer to perform.

This was the first session of five that the class will have on boxing. As their skills progress, the cadets will have a chance to put their ability to the test and have boxing matches with each other.

These sessions each have their

own importance in relation to

the law enforcement career, because officers need to be prepared for all situations, many of which could end up in physical altercations, and these boxing skills may need to be called upon.



Recruit Lange boxes with Recruit

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### GROUNDFIGHTING TACTICS BY: RECRUIT KRAEGER

Thursday night of this week, recruits had the opportunity to participate in a three-minute fight with each recruit. The goal of the fight was to get the other person to tap out before the three minutes was up.

Some recruits, because of their size differences, fighting experiences, and prior knowledge of how to fight,

had an advantage over others. For others, their goal was to try to remain in the fight for three minutes, and not get pinned. For many of us, this was our first experience in fighting, and we learned a lot about ourselves, and how we react and respond to the call of trying to survive. Inspector Cahoon reinforced the importance of the need to

train for the worst day of our lives. I cannot think of anything worse than wrestling on the ground with someone who wants to kill you. This training gave recruits the opportunity to fight for life.

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